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In re Application of: Fabrice LETERTRE et al.

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Examiner: M.A. Osele

For: METHODS FOR FORMING AN ASSEMBLY
FOR TRANSFER OF A USEFUL LAYER

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated July 12, 2005, applicants elect, with traverse, the process claims of Group I, claims 1-25, for prosecution in this application.

It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is in error. The Examiner is correct in stating that the claims of groups I and III are related as process and product. A proper analysis of the patentability of the method claims will of necessity reveal the products made by those methods. As a complete search of the prior art for the present method claims poses no additional burden to locate references relevant to the product, the group I and III claims should be examined together.

Similarly, a proper analysis of the patentability of the method claims will of necessity reveal the supports and other related apparatus items used to conduct the methods. As a complete search of the prior art for the present method claims poses no additional burden to locate references relevant to the support, the group I and II claims should be examined together.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn so that claims 1-28 can be examined together in this application.

No fees are believed to be due for this submission. Please charge any required fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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